

REMARKS

Claims 16-30 remain pending in the present application. For the reasons set forth fully below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are allowable. Consequently, reconsideration, allowance, and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended the specification to update serial number information for the cross-related application. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by the amendment.

Cited Art Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 16-17, 21-22, and 26-27 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakasato, and rejected claims 18-20, 23-25, and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakasato. In making the rejection, the Examiner, regarding independent claims 16, 21, and 26, asserts that:

Nakasato teaches a method for configuring an operating system in a computer system [title, abstract], the method comprising the steps of: a) providing a language-independent operating system image and a plurality of language files in the computer system [elements 26, 28 and 30 of Fig. 2]; b) determining a language supported by the computer system [Fig. 15, col. 10, lines 7-33]; and c) associating the language supported by the computer system [Fig. 15, col. 10, lines 7-33].

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections.

The present invention configures an operating system such that the language supported by the computer system is associated with a language-independent operating system image utilizing a language file provided in the computer system. In this manner, the language being supported by the computer system is determined when the computer system is booted up as opposed to when the computer system is being built.

In the rejection, the Examiner points to the abstract and title of Nakasato as teaching a method for configuring an operating system in a computer system. In fact, the title teaches a "Multiple Language Computer-Interface Input System", while the abstract discloses a multiple language input system that includes input systems corresponding to a plurality of languages. Applicant respectfully requests that more detail be specified by the Examiner as to where in the title or abstract the reference to configuring an operating system occurs, since Applicant fails to see any teaching or suggestion of an operating system or the configuring of an operation system in the title or the abstract.

The Nakasato reference instead teaches that a document prepared in a personal computer system is created using a language input system (col. 1, lines 14-16). Nakasato further discloses the use of a multiple language input system 21 with multiple sections corresponding to a plurality of languages that are used by an application 20 to prepare a document (e.g., FIG. 2). Nakasato is clear that the operating system is installed in advance of activation of the application, and the application then determines when the language recognition processing is executed with the multiple language input system (col. 9, lines 7-9 and 62+). There is nothing in the activity of utilizing a multiple language input system by an application in Nakasato that teaches or suggests anything regarding Applicant's recited invention for configuring an operating system, including the provision of a language-independent operating system image. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the multiple language input system related to document preparation via an application of Nakasato wholly fails to teach or suggest a manner of configuring an operating system, as recited by the Applicant in independent claims 16, 21, and 26.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 16, 21, and 26 are allowable over the cited art. Applicant further respectfully submits that since

dependent claims 17-20, 22-25, and 27-30 include the features of an independent claim while adding further features, these claims are also allowable over the cited art for at least those reasons stated hereinabove. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 103(a).

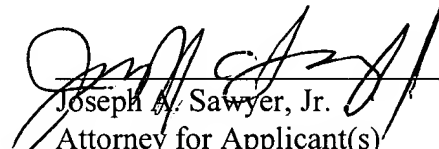
Further, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 16-30.

Applicant's attorney believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Should any unresolved issues remain, Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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